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SUBJECT: TOURIST COMPLAINT

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING BY POUCH CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THROUGH SENATORS RIEGLE AND GRIFFIN FROM MRS. EUGENIA BROWN CONCERNING HER DIFFICULTIES WITH POLISH CUSTOMS. BRIEFLY, MRS. BROWN AND HER TRAVELING COMPANIONS WERE SEARCHED, BODILY IN MRS. BROWN'S CASE, AND REQUIRED TO PAY FINES OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR JEWELRY AND OTHER ITEMS UPON THEIR DEPARTURE FROM POLAND AT OKECIE AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 18. IN SOME CASES JEWELRY BELONGING TO THESE TOURISTS WAS CONFISCATED BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

2. EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS RAISED THIS RECENTLY WITH POLISH DCM PAWLISZEWSKI WHO RESPONDED INITIALLY THAT THE AUTHORI-
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TIES MUST HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING EXPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURES. ANDREWS REJOINED THAT WE UNDERSTAND THIS AND POINTED OUT THAT, ACCORDING TO MRS. BROWN'S LETTER THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN SOME SOUVENIRS AND FINED HER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, NOT TO MENTION WHAT THEY DID TO THE OTHER TOURISTS INVOLVED. ANDREWS SAID THIS KIND OF ACTION COULD NOT HELP BUT HAVE

A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS

TRAVELING TO POLAND, AND IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT PROMOTE
TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. THE EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE THIS UP
WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES AND REPORT RESULTS. HABIB

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